

# MOSQUITO TIME IN FLORIDA.

A Period When All Social Life and Outdoor Enjoyment Is at a Standstill.

I shall never forget the feeling I had when one of my neighbors said, at the beginning of the season: "Oh, well, there are not many days when you cannot drive into town in the middle of the day for the mail." I did not understand her, or scarcely believe her, but I do now. I also know of several other families who have regularly prepared for the mosquito season by laying in a stock of sewing and reading, and who announced, when the season began, that they did not intend to go out or to receive until it was over; so that practically all social life is at a standstill, invitations usually ending with, "weather and mosquitoes permitting." The moonlight nights in this little corner of the earth are glorious, but we have only been able to enjoy them from our front piazza steps once in nearly two months, and then only for a brief half hour, while a strong sea breeze swept in over the bay; at the same time, friends living a mile away have sat out on the piazza, "every evening for a while."

I am writing of life on the coast of Florida, more than 300 miles south of St. Augustine, and of a part of the country that, in spite of mosquitoes, has a wonderful future before it, and is already the great truck garden section of the state for early vegetables and tropical fruit, as well as a most delightful winter resort and fishing and hunting country.

Sitting now at my front door, behind a screen of the finest wire work, I can look out on to one of the most beautiful of landscapes, the blue waters of the bay rippling in the sunshine, the long leaves or branches of the cocoanut trees bending and swaying with a pleasant rustling, while the crimson blossoms of the hibiscus bushes are nodding good-naturedly over the gray stones of the wall at the mooring bird playing hide-and-seek among the ginger plants; and just beyond the wall, on the path leading up from the water, and bordered on both sides by banana trees, there comes a man, who has just landed at the wharf with a string of sea trout for me; he wears a frame over his head covered with mosquito netting, and, as they say here, is "batting himself" with a green branch that I saw him break from my favorite guava tree. Of course I shall buy the fish, which will cost a mere trifle, but it will take at least ten minutes to clear the kitchen of mosquitoes that will come in with the sea beauties; for, as my fisherman says, "they are very bad this morning."

If he were a visitor he would have to brush or be brushed off before he could enter with the palmetto brush, that takes the place of the front door bell during mosquito time; for the brushing operation is a noisy one. All out-of-door work must be attended to in the middle of the day, when the mosquitoes are less troublesome.—Harper's Bazar.

## IN SELF-DEFENSE.

The Rough Rider Was Modest and Only Wanted to Get Back to Texas.

When the prisoner appeared before the police judge in a Missouri town it was difficult to say what manner of man he was or whence he came. It was evident, though, that he was not entirely sober and had been very much less so. In addition, he had no doubt been rolling in the gutter and had scraped his face over some pretty rough sidewalk. All in all, he was a dilapidated specimen; yet there was something about him that bore the distinctive mark of difference from the common herd of that courtroom.

"Aren't you one of the famous rough riders?" asked the judge after he had talked to him very plainly, watching him narrowly the meanwhile.

The prisoner held up his hand warningly. "Don't give it away, judge," he said, looking around in alarm.

"What do you mean?" responded the astonished judge.

"Just what I say, judge," repeated the prisoner, bending over so as to get as near as possible. "Don't give it away. I thought I had concealed my identity from the public gaze." And he looked down over himself, half in pride, half in shame.

This was too much for the judge, and, bringing the prisoner nearer, so he could tell his story confidentially, so to speak, he told him to proceed.

"Well, you see, it was this way, judge," said the prisoner with a Texas accent, "when I was mustered out and begin to see what the great American people thought of us fellows that it into the Spaniards at Santiago I seen that if I didn't do something in self-defense pretty soon I was goin' to be run for office by the party that got to me first, or that I was goin' to have the face kissed off of me by a string of gals a mile long, and I concluded I'd just git low-down, common drunk and stay that a-way till I could git to a safe place in Texas. I've escaped up to date, and if you'll not say a word, judge, but just shove me along west, I reckon I'll git back home in fair enough shape, all things considered. What do you say, judge; is it a go?"

It was indeed, and the judge instructed a police officer to keep an eye on the distinguished prisoner, and see that he was put on the next train pointing his cowcatcher toward the southwest corner of the great republic.—Washington Star.

## Agreed with Her.

"Woman's work is never done," complained Mrs. Wrinkle, as she passed the bread to her husband.

"No," assented Wrinkle, as he broke open the biscuit, "wonder why it is they never get done in the center?"—Ohio State Journal.

# MARKET REPORTS

**NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The market today opened irregularly and resulted in mixed changes of prices. The market had a good undertone, but was devoid of interesting features. Little was done in the standard stocks and the industrials, except sugar, which broke nearly four points and rallied fractionally. The confirmation of the report that Secretary and Treasurer Seaboard would retire owing to ill health was used in depressing sugar. Central Pacific was strong, in anticipation of a reorganization plan which was expected to follow any settlement which the company may make with the government. Southern Pacific, which would benefit in any favorable development in Central Pacific, rose three points. Baltimore & Ohio stocks were affected favorably by reports that the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern plan of reorganization was well received abroad. Lake Erie and Western were aggressively strong without any new developments in the property becoming known.

Metropolitan Street Railway gained three points after having been comparatively inactive and weak. The revival of talk of underground rapid transit was probably the cause of weakness in Manhattan. Prices were well held until the last hour, when there was a break in Atchison and the grangers. Traders worked for a decline on the theory that such a movement was usual before the Christmas holidays. Active bulls professed gratification at the continuance of outside interest in the market, which was reflected in the undue prominence of some of the minor stocks in the trading. Tennessee Coal and Iron became strong and moved up two points, and the rest of the list sympathized in this movement fractionally and the market left off firm.

The total sales of stocks today were 629,500 shares.

The leading stocks closed as follows:

Atchison	184
Baltimore & Ohio	65
Canada Pacific	85
Canada Southern	56
Chesapeake & Ohio	25
Chicago & Alton	165
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	121
C. C. & St. L.	43
do do pref'd	97
Delaware & Hudson	101
Delaware, Lack. & W.	147
Erie (new)	14
Fort Wayne	175
Great Northern pref'd	139
Illinois Central	113
Lake Shore	50
Louisville & Nashville	63
Manhattan L.	96
Michigan Central	112
Missouri Pacific	42
Mobile & Ohio	39
New Jersey Central	92
New York Central	123
Norfolk & Western	104
Northern Pacific	41
do do pref'd	76
Pittsburg	172
Reading	19
Rock Island	109
St. Paul	116
do do pref'd	164
Southern Pacific	32
Southern Railway	10
do do pref'd	42
Texas & Pacific	16
Union Pacific pref'd	40
Adams Express	108
American Express	144
United States Express	29
Wells Fargo Express	125
American Tobacco	141
do do pref'd	127
People's Gas	185
Consolidated Gas	195
General Electric	92
Pacific Mail	42
Pullman Palace	148
silver Certificates	59
Sugar	120
do do pref'd	110
Tennessee Coal & Iron	36
Western Union	94
Chicago Northwestern	140
do do pref'd	180
Chicago Great Western	15

**CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.**  
CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Wheat was strong all day and closed at an advance of 3-4c over Saturday's final price. Corn closed 1-2c higher and oats 1-8c higher. Provisions are practically unchanged. The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT—Open	High	Low	Close
Dec	66 1/2	66 1/2	66
May	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
July	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2
CORN—			
Dec	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
May	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
July	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
OATS—			
Dec	26 1/2	26 1/2	26
May	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
PORK—			
Dec	9.40	9.45	8.87 1/2
Jan	9.72 1/2	9.75	9.05
LARD—			
Dec	5.12 1/2	5.15	5.10
Jan	5.37 1/2	5.37 1/2	5.32 1/2
RIBS—			
Jan	4.65	4.67 1/2	4.62 1/2
Dec	4.85	4.85	4.80

Cash quotations were as follows: flour steady; No. 3 spring wheat, 63 1/2@65; No. 2 red, 69; No. 2 corn, 24 1/2; No. 2 oats, 16 1/2@17; No. 2 white, 28 1/2@29; No. 3 white, 28 1/2; rye, 34 1/2@35; No. 2 barley, 41@42; No. 1 flax seed, 104 1/2@105; prime timothy seed, 2.30; mess pork per barrel 8.10@8.15; lard, per 100 pounds, 5.02 1/2@5.07; short ribs sides, loose, 4.55@4.77; dry salted shoulders, boxed, 4 1/2@4 3/4; short clear sides, loose, 4.82@4.85; whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, 1.26; No. 2 yellow corn, 35.

**BALTIMORE PRODUCE MARKET.**  
BALTIMORE, Dec. 19.—Flour, quiet and steady; western spot, \$2.15@2.20.

Wheat, inactive and firmer; spot and month, 72 1/4@72 1/2; January, 72 1/2@73 1/4; May, 73; Southern wheat, by sample, 68 1/2.

Corn, firmer; spot and month, 29 3/4@30 1/4; December, new or old, 29 1/4@29 1/2; January, 29 1/4@29 1/2; February, 29 1/2@29 3/4; Southern white corn, 26 1/2@27 1/2.

Oats, dull; No. 2, white, 22 1/2. Rye, firmer; No. 2, nearby, 58; No. 2, western, 60.

Sugar, strong; granulated, 5.20 1/2. Butter, steady; fancy creamery, 22; do, imitation, 17@18.

Eggs, firm, fresh, 23@24. Cheese, steady; fancy New York, 30; large, 10 1/2@10 3/4. Lettuce, 1.25@1.50 per bushel box. Whiskey, 1.29@1.30 per gallon of finished goods in car loads; 1.31@1.32 per gallon for jobbing lots.

**NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Money on call, firmer, at 2 1/4@3 per cent. Last loan, 2 1/2; mercantile paper, 3 3/4 per cent. for sixty days; posted rates, 4.82 1/2@4.85 1/2; commercial bills, 4.82; silver certificates, 59 1/2@60 1/2; bar silver, 59 1/2; Mexican dollars, 46 3/4. Government bonds, strong; State bonds, weak; railroad bonds, strong.

**COTTON FUTURES.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Cotton futures opened barely steady. Dec. 5.50; Jan., 5.52; Feb. 5.49; March, 5.52; April, 5.56; May, 5.59; June, 5.63; July, 5.66; August, 5.71; Sept., 5.65; Oct., 5.65. Futures closed steady. Dec., 5.45; Jan., 5.46; Feb., 5.47; March, 5.50; April, 5.53; May, 5.57; June, 5.60; July, 5.63; August, 5.66; Sept., 5.62; Oct., 5.63. Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 15 13-16; middling gulf, 6 1-16. Sales, 1,700 bales.

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Ar. Charlottesville	5 44pm	2 43am
Ar. Staunton	7 09pm	4 22am
Ar. Clifton Forge	8 57pm	6 28am
Ar. Va. Hot Springs	9 50pm	7 25am
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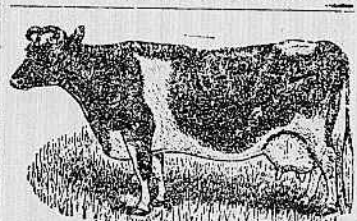
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